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SUBJECT: NEXT MEETING OF ATLANTIC POLICY ADVISORY GROUP (APAG)

REF: A) STATE 16487, B) USNATO 0396

1. SPC WILL DISCUSS APAG ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11. IN MISSION'S VIEW, OUR BEST COURSE WOULD BE TO PRESS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF "THE PLACE OF JAPAN IN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ALLIANCE."

2. CONSULTATIONS ON JAPAN WOULD AID OUR EFFORT TO ENHANCE ALLIANCE CONSULTATIONS ON DEVELOPMENTS OUTSIDE OF THE TREATY AREA. WHILE THE ROLE OF JAPAN IS A SUBJECT OF MAJOR INTEREST TO THE ALLIES, IT IS NOT ONE ON WHICH THEY HAVE CONSULTED IN DEPTH IN ANY ALLIANCE FORUM. IT ALSO REMAINS THE ONLY POLITICAL-SECURITY SUBJECT MENTIONED IN THE SECRETARY'S YEAR OF EUROPE SPEECH ON WHICH THE ALLIANCE HAS NOT HAD CONSULTATIONS.

3. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE INSCRIPTION OF THIS SUBJECT ON THE APAG AGENDA WOULD CONFLICT WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S INTEREST (REF A) IN ENSURING THAT THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS ALSO DISCUSS JAPAN. APAG DISCUSSION, WHICH WILL PROBABLY NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL JUNE OR SEPTEMBER, WILL CONCERN COM-SECRET

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PREHENSIVE AND LONG-TERM POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF JAPAN'S ROLE IN THE WORLD. WE DOUBT THAT ANY ALLY WOULD REFUSE TO DISCUSS THE TRILATERAL DECLARATION ISSUE IN POLITICAL DIRECTORS' DISCUSSIONS ON GROUNDS THAT APAG IS EXPECTED TO DISCUSS JAPAN.

SUCH AN ARGUMENT WOULD NOT BE CREDIBLE, GIVEN THE WHOLLY  
DIFFERENT FUNCTIONS OF POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETINGS AND APAG  
DISCUSSIONS.

4. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED GOOD SUPPORT FOR THE JAPAN TOPIC  
(REF B) AND, UNLESS DEPARTMENT OBJECTS, WILL CONTINUE EFFORT TO  
GET ALLIED AGREEMENT TO IT AS THE SUBJECT FOR THE NEXT APAG  
MEETING.

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